Financial Management Service

FACTS II

What's New?

3rd Quarter 2005 Reporting Window

FACTS II Window Closing Early

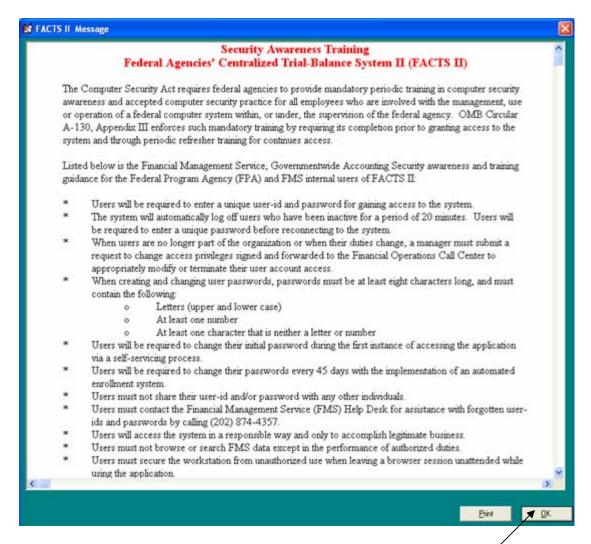
Due to unforeseeable circumstances, there has been a change in the availability of the FACTS II database for 3rd quarter 2005 reporting. The 3rd quarter FACTS II window will open as previously announced, on Thursday, July 14, 2005 @ 7:00 a.m. EST. However, the FACTS II WINDOW WILL CLOSE ON FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2005 @3:00 pm EST INSTEAD OF TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2005 @ 4:00 EST. Again, the FACTS II WINDOW WILL CLOSE EARLIER FOR 3RD QTR THAN PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED----ON FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2005 @3:00 pm EST INSTEAD OF TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2005 @ 4:00 EST. Please make a note of this important change and govern yourselves accordingly.

The FACTS II Team apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Security Awareness Training

In an effort to comply with the Computer Security Act, as well as to protect the FACTS II application and to ensure its integrity the FACTS II Team is conducting security awareness training. This training is presented in a message window that automatically appears after successfully logging on to the FACTS II application. Simply read the text in the Security Awareness and Training window, and then click OK to access the FACTS II application. Once you have read the information and click OK the message will not appear again. You must click OK to access FACTS II.

Note: You may print the Security Awareness and Training message by clicking the Print button.



Click OK to accept the terms and proceed to the FACTS II application

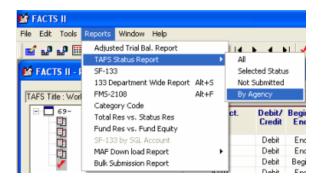
Enhanced TAFS Status Report

The TAFS Status Report, by Agency, has been enhanced to display TAFS (Treasury Account Fund Symbol) consistent with the OMB budget presentation grouping. This report will enable agencies to view the status of TAFS associated with an OMB budget group for that agency.

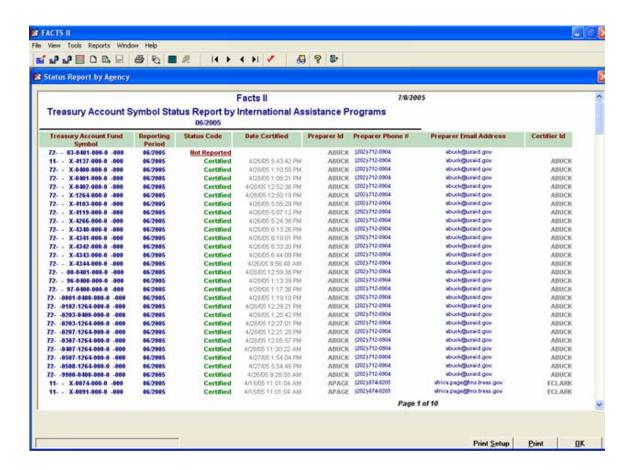
To view the TAFS Status Report

- 1. Click the Reports menu at the top of the screen.
- 2. Select TAFS Status Report from the sub-menu and By Agency from the additional

menu that appears.



3. The Status Report by Agency will appear as shown below. You may print the TAFS Status Report by clicking the Print button located at the bottom of the report.



BEA Category Code Automatically Derived

For various Agencies, OMB will automatically derive the BEA (Budget Enforcement Act) Category code of Discretionary or Mandatory. This change will affect the BEA Cat Code field in the Data/Entry Edit Screen in the following way: If your Agency does not have the BEA Category Code derived you will have to select either Discretionary or Mandatory from the drop-down or if it has been derived this field will be disabled (grayed-out).

1st Quarter 2006 FACTS II Bulk File Format to Change

Beginning 1st Quarter 2006 OMB is requiring agencies to use a Program Report Category Number to provide a more specific description of the Program Reporting Category Code. To assist OMB with this requirement, FACTS II is changing the format of the Bulk File submitted by agencies to FACTS II. Some of the fields in the bulk file were no longer necessary, and as a result, were removed. The Program Report Category Number and Program Report Category Text fields replace the removed fields. A detailed breakdown of the removed and added fields is shown below.

Field Name	Length	Starting Column	Ending Column	Туре	Description
REMOVED					
ACCT_SPLIT_SEQ_NUM	3	16	18	9	Part of TAFS - Sequence of Account split components, 000 indicates not an account split (required)
ATB_SEQ_NUM	3	22	24	9	Part of TAFS - Sequence of ATB, always 000 (required)
PREPARER_ID	8	25	32	Х	GOALS II Preparer ID (required)
CERTIFIER_ID	8	33	40	Х	GOALS II Certifier ID (required)
RPT_FISCAL_YEAR	4	41	44	9	Reporting Fiscal Year (required)
RPT_FISCAL_MONTH	2	45	46	9	Reporting Fiscal Month; 03=Dec, 06=Mar, 09=Jun, 12=Sep (required)
ADDED					
PROGRAM _RPT_CAT _ NUM	3	19	21	9	Number used to provide a more detailed description of Program Reporting Category Codes. Default is 000.
PROGRAM _RPT_CAT _TXT	25	22	46	Х	Text that describes the PROGRAM_RPT_CAT _ NUM.

Refer to the FACTS II Bulk Transfer File Formats 1st Quarter 2006 document located on the FACTS II Web site (http://fms.treas.gov/factsii/bulkfile.html) for a complete listing of fields and descriptions for the bulk file. **Again, this change will not take effect until 1st Quarter 2006**.

Reminder

FACTS II User Recertification

FACTS II will begin its User Recertification process for this year. User Recertification is necessary to ensure that the list of users accessing FACTS II is accurate and current. This year, a third party survey tool is being used collect information for this process. *Supervisors* must complete a survey via email to avoid revocation of user access. More information and instructions for completing FACTS II User Recertification will be dispersed in the near future.